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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL EFFICIENCIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The Commission on
2 Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies shall, in
3 consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
4 Management or the secretary's designee, municipalities, labor unions
5 and business leaders, study regionalization best practices in other
6 states and develop a regionalization evaluation tool based on such best
7 practices. Such regionalization evaluation tool shall measure and
8 assess the performance of and efficiencies achieved by each
9 municipality and local and regional board of education.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) Not later than January 1, 2017,
11 the Commission on Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies
12 shall submit recommendations for municipal aid funding based on
13 criteria established by the regionalization evaluation tool referenced in
14 section 1 of this act, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
15 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
16 having cognizance of matters relating to local governments and

17 appropriations.

18 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2017*) If legislation is enacted based on
 19 the criteria of the regionalization evaluation tool developed pursuant
 20 to section 1 of this act, the Intergovernmental Policy Division of the
 21 Office of Policy and Management shall notify municipalities and local
 22 or regional boards of education of such criteria and specify how
 23 municipal aid funding will be determined based on such criteria for
 24 fiscal year 2019. The Office of Policy and Management shall prescribe a
 25 format by which each municipality and local or regional board of
 26 education shall report its compliance with the criteria established by
 27 such tool. Not later than February 1, 2018, each municipality and local
 28 or regional board of education shall submit such report to the
 29 Intergovernmental Policy Division of the Office of Policy and
 30 Management. The Office of Policy and Management may audit
 31 municipalities and local or regional boards of education to ensure
 32 compliance.

33 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2018*) The Intergovernmental Policy
 34 Division of the Office of Policy and Management shall implement the
 35 regionalization evaluation tool developed pursuant to section 1 of this
 36 act and apply the municipal aid funding formula based on each
 37 municipality and local or regional board of education's performance
 38 relative to the criteria of such tool.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) authorize the Commission on Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies to develop a regionalization evaluation tool to measure and assess the performance of and efficiencies achieved by

each municipality and local and regional board of education and submit recommendations for municipal aid funding based on the criteria of such tool, (2) require the Office of Policy and Management to notify municipalities and local and regional boards of education of such criteria if the General Assembly implements such criteria through legislation, and (3) require the Office of Policy and Management to implement the regionalization evaluation tool.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]